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Sir:

This is to thank you for your help. I have worked long and hard on this idea and yours is the first direct help I have received.

The number of Claims is now two and I think the definitions will define the idea much more clearly than the earlier version.

If there are anymore, questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donald S. Merrill".

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